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New NJMC Gallery Exhibit Offers 'A Bird's Eye View' of the Meadowlands

LYNDHURST, N.J. – Science becomes art this September at the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission's Flyway Gallery with, "A Bird's Eye View," a collection of aerial photographs taken as part of a study by the Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute. The exhibit will be on display from Sept. 5 through 28.

The study is being led by Dr. Francisco Artigas, the director of MERI, to gather data on vegetation at Meadowlands sites. Photos were taken over the past several months and show the Meadowlands at the height of summer. Reeds and marsh grass form vibrant swirls and waves. Familiar places are seen from a dizzying new angle as patchworks and mosaics of green spaces, built up places and man's trails intertwine through our landscape.

The pictures will be used to research the growth of plant species in the Meadowlands, pick out patterns of certain species, and can be used to help determine soil composition below the growth. Other aerial photos show DeKorte Park, the NJMC's office buildings, Meadowlands Environment Center, nature preserves and trails, and the nearly-complete Meadowlands Earth Spiral sculpture.

Photos for publication may be obtained by calling Jeff Fucci at 201-460-2002.

The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission is the zoning and regulatory agency for the 32-square-area along the Hackensack River which covers 14 municipalities in Bergen and Hudson Counties. For more information, visit www.meadowlands.state.nj.us/.

The Meadowlands Environment Center is an NJMC facility operated by Ramapo College of New Jersey. The MEC is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (201) 460-8300 or log on to www.njmeadowlands.gov/ec.

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